LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER - SHREVEPORT

DURATION OF DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Policy: To establish policy regarding the duration of drug administration

1. It is advisable, but not mandatory, that drug orders indicate the number of doses and/or days to be administered.
2. Orders for narcotic analgesia shall be rewritten every 72 hours. The patient's nurse is responsible for notifying the prescribing physician of an order, which is about to expire. This may be done verbally or in writing on the chart.
3. Orders for adult total parenteral nutrition solutions and pediatric parenteral nutrition solutions are rewritten daily.
4. Ketorolac therapy is not to exceed five days.
5. A physician shall indicate any medications to be administered orally after a patient has been placed on a “NPO” status.
6. All drug orders are cancelled when patients go to surgery or the delivery room, when a general anesthetic is administered, or when the patient is transferred to another service or an intensive care unit.
7. Outpatient standing orders are limited to six months in duration.

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Administrator

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Date

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